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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2656
Public Notice Date
December 20, 2007

Expiration Date
January 9, 2008

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army authorization to perform periodic hydraulic dredging and/or drag line dredging in an existing load out harbor along the Mississippi River, as described below and shown on the attached figures.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

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ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker)
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St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Holcim (U.S.) Inc., 14738 Highway 79, Clarksville, Missouri 63336, c/o: Paul Detterline (573-242-3571).

LOCATION: Dredging activities would occur adjacent to Holcim's existing barge loadout facility. The harbor is located near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 274.3, approximately one mile north of Clarksville, in Pike County, Missouri. (See Attached Aerial).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Holcim seeks authorization to hydraulically dredge and/or dragline dredge their existing harbor to original construction depths. The purpose of the project is to maintain a 12-foot-deep barge slip for Holcim's existing material unloading and cement loading facility, which includes the mooring area and harbor entrance. All dredged material would be deposited at upland sites, either as fill material in the Holcim Clarksville quarry or at an alternate upland disposal location. Dredging needs and frequency are dependent on adjacent Mississippi River fluctuations and deposition patterns. Due to the unknown schedule of dredging needs, Holcim seeks a 10 year permit authorization to allow periodic dredging on an as needed basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Mr. Charles Frerker, Rivers Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at either (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@mvs02.usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the

proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*). In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are hereby solicited from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies to ascertain any potential impacts upon a listed species or their critical habitat.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

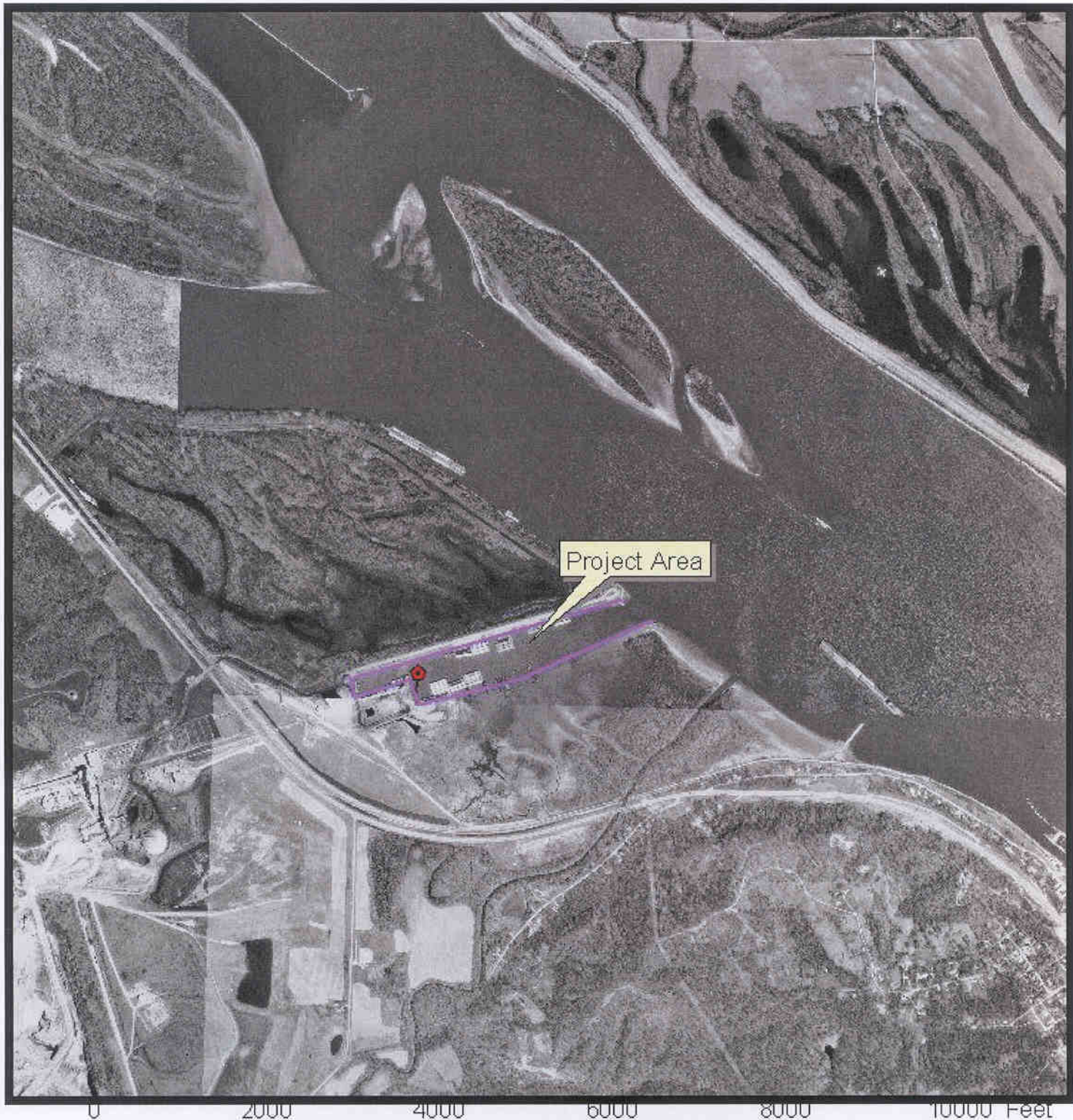
Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

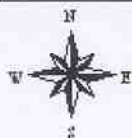
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Holcim Harbor Dredging



Dec 12, 2007

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